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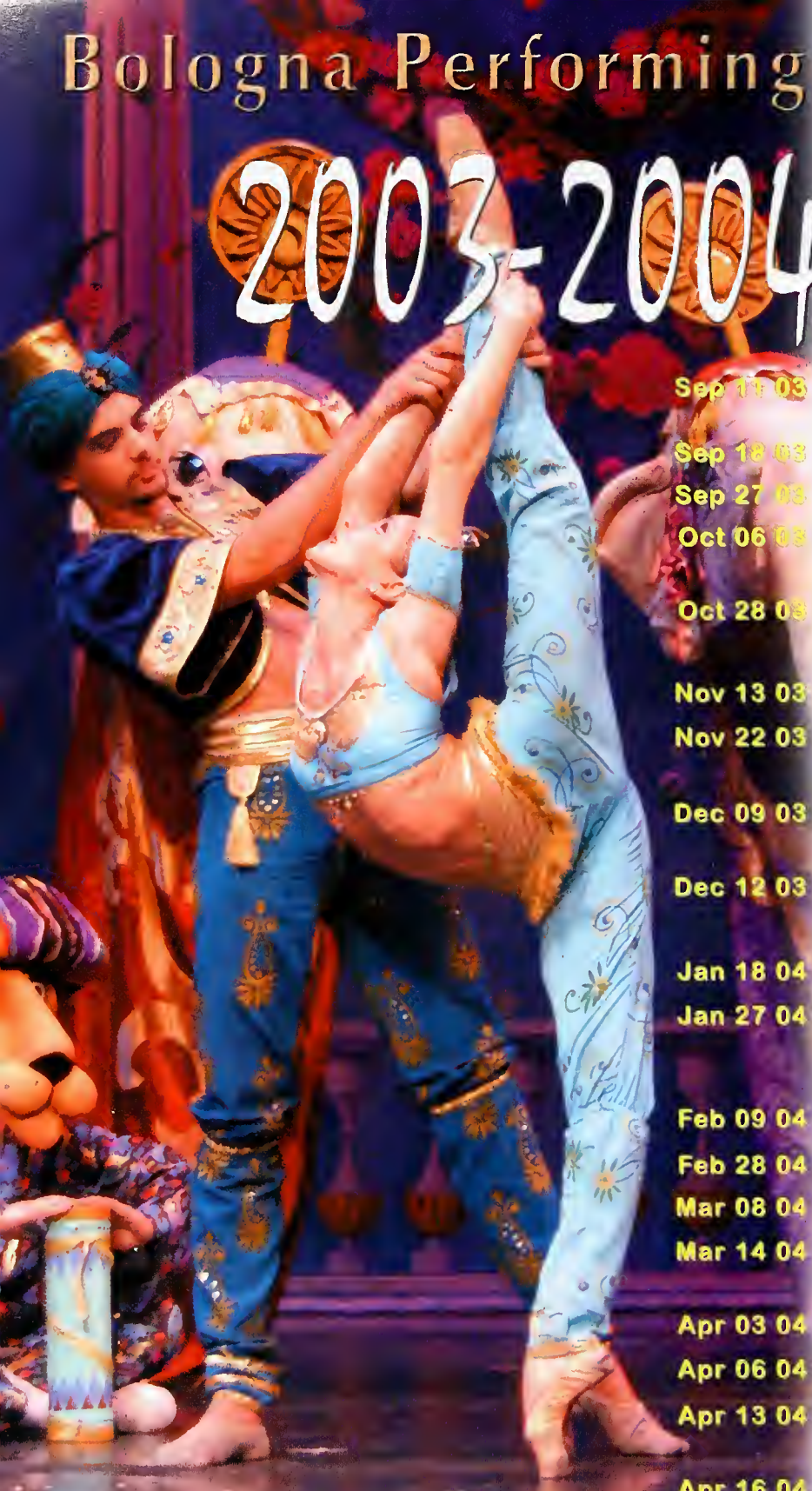
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Nov 13 03

**RICKY SKAGGS**

Nov 22 03

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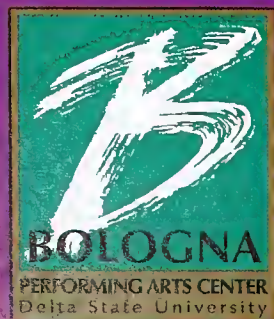
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## Legendary Coach Dave "Boo" Ferriss

Make plans to attend the Baseball Reunion, Saturday, September 20, 2003! For more information contact Mike Kinnison at 662-846-4291.

# Executive Director's message

**Don A. Skelton**

Dear Alumni and Friends:

I appreciate having this opportunity to personally thank you for your support and encouragement through the years.



Over the past four decades it has been my pleasure to be associated with Delta State in a variety of positions – first as a student, then a classroom instructor, a coach and an administrator. All have been rewarding but I must admit that the past ten years have clearly been the most exciting and challenging of my career and have afforded numerous opportunities to truly “make a difference” for DSU.

During this association I have had the pleasure of serving four presidents – Dr. James Ewing, Dr. Aubrey Lucas, Dr. Kent Wyatt and Dr. David Potter – all outstanding educators exhibiting a passion for Delta State and working to fulfill its regional mission as the cultural and educational center of the Mississippi Delta.

I have been extremely honored to serve as part of a team of dedicated professionals who understood the University’s potential and worked tirelessly to reach that higher level of excellence. We are fortunate in that we have a good university with outstanding faculty and staff and committed volunteer leadership. Their willingness to serve, leadership and support have been key factors in the success experienced with the University’s development efforts. We can all take pride in the accomplishments to date.

As an alumnus I am excited with the selection of Dr. John Hilpert as Delta State’s seventh president. As president of Northern State University (South Dakota) since 1997, he has successfully led an institution similar in many ways to DSU. He understands and supports the institution’s role as the cultural and educational center of the region. And – most of all – I personally feel he brings strength to the Office of President at a critical time in Delta State’s history.

In closing – I offer a favorite statement provided by the late DSU Outstanding Alumnus B. F. Smith – “It is amazing what can be accomplished when no one cares who gets the credit.” We have experienced and Delta State is enjoying the benefits of this type of working relationship.

As we look back on our years together, I would like to think that we have indeed “made a difference”. After all – isn’t that our charge?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Don A. Skelton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Don A. Skelton



# STEVE AZAR

## *Delta State Alum* *makes it* **Big** *in Nashville*

Steve Azar spends countless nights on the road. This spring the road led him home. Azar, a 1987 graduate, is one of many successful Statesmen. The country music star returned to DSU in March, kicking off this year's Springfest festivities with a sold out show at the Bologna Performing Arts Center.

"I get back to campus a lot in my mind, my heart, my soul. I remember a lot of the growing up I did here and how much it mattered in my song writing," says Azar, who talked about how important his college years play in his life today. "I come back a lot more in my mind than physically because I'm working so much."

The work started early. Azar took to entertaining, songwriting, and playing before he entered high school. By the time he made it to college, in Delta circles he was a seasoned pro. The Greenville native says he came to Delta State as a quick fix. Initially, intentions were to play tennis for a year and split. The Delta spirit inspired him and he couldn't leave. "Coming to Delta State was one of the most important decisions I've made," says Azar. "I met wonderful people who influenced my life in profound ways. I didn't want to leave."

During his college career, Azar paired a

packed performance calendar with academics. The business major kept the big picture in-sight. He says DSU prepared him for the transition from college life to the "real world". In the real world, Azar lives in Nashville. He's part of the Mercury Nashville team, producers of his current album, "Waiting on Joe". Although on track now, Azar is the first to tell you he paid the price. "I've made a lot of mistakes, learned from them, and hope to be able to share those lessons with others sharing similar goals."

Azar's career, he says, is well balanced. He enjoys every element, the writing, producing, playing, and the fans, but nothing beats playing at home. "It's a special place, the Delta. It has influenced the world of music, obviously influenced more than music. They (people in other locations) know about the Delta, and we grew up here—bonus for us!"

The bonus for Azar, is the countless ways he works Delta imagery into a song. "I've got a

song about every town in the Delta...Shelby—Oh, I don't have Cleveland—What's wrong with me?"

In September Azar says he's returning to the Delta to make a live album. Included on the play list is a song he debuted at the DSU performance. A song with Delta roots, about a place "At the End of Indianola".

Okay, so Azar's song writing hasn't made it to Cleveland, but rest assured the road will bring him home again.



*The Kuhn family welcomes Azar back home.*



## Miss DSU 2003

**M**arion Weeks, a junior biology major from Drew, was crowned Miss Delta State University 2003 last Spring semester. She represented DSU in the Miss Mississippi Pageant in June.



**PIG PICKIN'**  
Saturday, September 20  
3:30-6:00  
Shumate Park  
**HOMECOMING 2003**  
November 1, 2003

## Governor Musgrove welcomes Boys State



## Lyons awarded internship



**J**oel Lyons, an accounting major and member of the DSU baseball team, was recently awarded an internship with Federal Express (in internal auditing). He is one of only 12 selected from eight schools.

Federal Express, based in Memphis, employs 145,000 people and is the world's largest express transportation company, delivering more than 3 million items each working day. It operates over 600 aircraft and reports revenues of over \$22 billion each year.

**M**ississippi Governor Ronnie Musgrove, center, received a Boys State tee shirt during a visit with delegates Jonathon Watts, left, of Biloxi, and Adam Huell, of Vicksburg. Musgrove addressed the delegates of the American Legion Boys State Department of Mississippi at the Bologna Performing Arts Center. About 350 high school students, representing every county in the state, attended Boys State. This is the second year that Delta State has hosted the week-long event.

## Delta State University Alumni Association Membership Application

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## Delta State gives new meaning to "TLC"

"TLC" is a popular acronym in our culture. Now, DSU transforms what commonly translates as "tender loving care," into something unique to the university and region, The Technology Learning Center (TLC). In addition to offering the campus state of the art hardware, TLC staff is on hand to provide the training needed to maximize the center's services. In all, the TLC houses four distinct technology areas: Multimedia Production Area, the Model Classroom Environment, Faculty Development Lab, and Video Conferencing Studio.

The Multimedia Production area offers the "bells and whistles" without the cost. This user friendly laboratory setting provides video editing, both VHS and digital, audio, video and CD duplication, desktop publishing, graphic art support, and material assembly. Whether the project is a promotional video, instructional CD, or newsletter, the possibilities are endless!

Technology is here to stay, which means classrooms need to be revamped in order to incorporate the latest equipment. The integration of computer resources, data projectors or monitors, audio, video, DVD, and other media technologies create a sophisticated setting. The Model Classroom Environment is a place for faculty to explore how these technologies relate to the instructional atmosphere. This new age classroom is also a setting where faculty can learn to use these resources. One particular advancement, now permanently available through the TLC is the SMART Symposium which combines a SMART board and screen monitor. The presenter highlights and marks up images being projected, captures and saves notes and drawings, and controls the use of other applications-all from a single "SMART" screen.

The recent technology boom happened quickly, and in

many cases, prior to the training of faculty and staff. An increasing number of the student population have grown up with technology at their finger tips. In order to help bridge the technological generation gap, TLC houses a Faculty Development Lab. Here, faculty can come and learn the "how to's" of web design, creating desktop presentations, designing and managing web courses, and recording and editing video. In addition to the technology toys, TLC offers an ongoing program of workshops, seminars, and training events that are practical

applications of technology instructional concerns.

The Video Conferencing Studio provides resources for distance learning courses, video and voice-data conferencing, satellite downlinks, and multimedia presentations. The studio combines a high tech classroom, a multipurpose video conferencing setting and television studio in a flexible, integrated



*Dr. Larry Lambert talks to faculty and staff about the technology and instructional resources available through Delta State University's Technology Learning Center (TLC) from the Model Classroom. The Model Classroom provides a modern setting allowing technology like laptops and Power Point presentations to become part of the norm. This classroom is one of four areas of focus within the TLC at Delta State.*

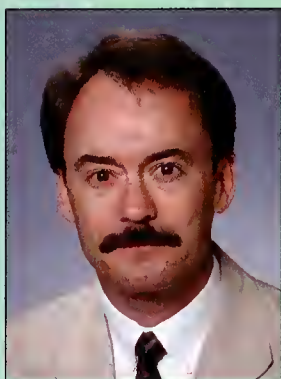
environment, and is the link between faculty and students to others throughout Mississippi and the world.

The new TLC was created during the reorganization of the Audio-Visual and Instructional Development departments. Dr. Michelle Roberts, Chief Information and Planning Officer, says the mission of the Technology Learning Center was always clear. "The goal was to design a service setting for faculty and staff where media resources, technical support, and a focus of quality instruction could be fostered and sustained. The project really started to taking shape when Dr. Larry Lambert, Director of the center was brought on board. His high energy level and enthusiasm for the project made the entire process move a lot quicker than I imagined," said Roberts.



## Collier Parker named Dean of College of Arts and Sciences

**C**ollier Parker is the new Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. The Greenville native has been Chair of the Art Department for more than ten years. In his new role, he intends to create programs enhancing the University's curriculum.



One program Parker is already developing is music and television production. "The Delta is an incredible cultural mecca. The history of the area is rich which is evident in the extensive impact the Delta has had on writers, musicians, and artists. Naturally, developing new programs such as music production provides exciting opportunities," said Parker. "Advancements in technology also present Delta State with an opportunity to create programs for the changing job market."

Parker has been with DSU for nearly 20 years, joining the Art Department as a visiting artist after graduating from The Rosary Graduate School of Fine Arts in Florence, Italy. Before chairing the art department Parker was both an assistant and associate professor. He was also the International Student Advisor.

In addition to expanding the art program at DSU, Parker has played a key role in developing the arts in the Bolivar County area. Parker is part of a team whose mission is to establish a school for the fine arts in Cleveland.

Parker says he is committed to providing DSU students with a high quality education primarily as a way to say thank you for the education he received. Parker graduated in 1979 with his Bachelor of Fine Arts from Delta State.

## College of Business announces new Dean



1981 graduate, Dr. Billy C. Moore has been named Dean of the College of Business. Moore replaces the former Dean, Dr. William Stewart.

Moore's promotion comes after a seventeen-year professional history with Delta State. After graduating from East Side High School in Cleveland, Moore received his Bachelors of Science degree in Biology and Masters in Business

Administration degrees from Delta State. His Ph.D. in finance is from the University of Mississippi.

"We have an excellent business program with a solid reputation at Delta State," said Moore. "Together we will work to enhance and expand this reputation."

Moore is an active member of several professional organizations, including the Southwestern Finance Association and Mid-South Financial Professionals. He is a Certified Financial Planner and a Certified Cash Manager.

Moore's work has gained him recognition among the community and his peers. Most recently he was named "Outstanding Member of the Month" by the Mississippi Chapter-Financial Planning Association.

## First Dean Immortalized



Twelve years after his death, Dr. William LaForge's legacy remains at DSU through the people who knew him. On May 2, 2003, LaForge became immortalized in

DSU's history with the

rededication of the Roberts-LaForge library in his honor.

Dr. LaForge, Delta State's first Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, devoted his entire educational career to higher education in Mississippi. He began as an Associate Professor of History at the University of Southern Mississippi in 1954 and was appointed Professor of History and Chair of the Division of Social Sciences at Delta State in 1957. LaForge became Dean in 1969 and served in that capacity until his death in 1992.



## Don Skelton to lead advancement at ULM

After leading many successful advancement projects at DSU, Dr. Don Skelton has been selected to direct similar efforts at the University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM). As ULM's Vice President for University Advancement, Skelton will oversee the Office of Public Affairs, Alumni Relations, and University Advancement and Development.



"This is an incredible opportunity," said Skelton. "My experiences are in line with the needs of ULM. It's been a pleasure to work with many wonderful people and to call Delta State home."

In 2002 Skelton was named Vice President for University Advancement. Prior to that appointment Skelton served as Associate Vice President of University Advancement. Since 1993 Skelton has served as Executive Director of the Alumni Association and Foundation.

During a long career with Delta State, Skelton managed the university's first organized Capital Campaign. Under his leadership, The Campaign doubled the initial goal of \$5 million.

Dr. James Cofer, President of ULM, said, "Don Skelton has valuable experiences within advancement and public affairs divisions of a university. The experience he built at DSU should carry over and he will be a driving force in improving these divisions at ULM. We are fortunate to have Don on our team."



## Holland addresses graduates

D. Stephen Holland, Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee and a member of the Appropriations Committee and chair of the subcommittee on Higher Education and Medicaid, gave the address to the Spring 2003 graduating class.

## See page 18 for more information about the "Annual Giving Fund"

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## Outstanding faculty and staff members



Dr. Malcolm McEwen (left), director of the Center for Sciences and Environmental Education and professor of science, was presented the S.E. Kossman Outstanding Faculty Award for 2003. Vicki Fioranelli, director of Career Services and Placement, was presented the H.L. Nowell Outstanding Staff Award during the commencement exercises.



William F. Winter was the featured speaker during the 41st Academic Honors Day. Winter, a native of Grenada, served as Governor of Mississippi from 1980-1984. Prior to his term as governor, Winter served as a State Representative, State Treasurer, and Lieutenant Governor. Winter currently practices law in Jackson.



## A chance to give back



Chance

**D**r. Ronald Chance's Bachelors of Science degree from DSU led the way to a successful scientific career with Exxon Corporation for the past 20 years. On March 6, Chance returned to his alma mater sharing some of his research.

During his lecture Chance discussed the general aspects of gas separations with membranes. He also talked about the scientific developments made within his field of study.

After graduation in 1970, Chance received his PhD in Physical Chemistry from Dartmouth College. His current role with the company is Distinguished Scientific Advisor of Corporate Strategic Research.

The Student Affiliates Chapter of the American Chemical Society sponsored the lecture.

## Food and friends part of charm of small town life

**R**aise your hand if you grew up in a small town. If you did, check out *Culinary Kudzu: Recollections & Recipes from Growing Up Southern* by Keetha DePriest Reed who attended Delta State in 1990.

This work features memories of growing up in a small Mississippi Delta town, of family get-togethers and the food and recipes that are central to those gatherings. Traditions and storied family gatherings take center stage in *Culinary Kudzu*.

"*Culinary Kudzu* is about food, especially southern food. Reminiscences and stories about family and friends are also a big part of it," said Reed. "Of course, it'd be hard to write a book about food in the south – or maybe anywhere – without writing about family."



## Gardner is top producer

**M**andy Gardner, a 1999 graduate, ranked number 6 in production for Mississippi among CENTURY 21 agents for 2002. Mandy ranked number 1 in the state of

Mississippi for CENTURY 21 agents for the first quarter of 2003, and number 4 in the MidSouth region consisting of over 2,500 agents for the



first quarter of 2003. In addition, she has been recognized as a National CENTURY 21 Quality Service Producer for the past 3 years, and received the National CENTURY 21 CENTURIAN Award for 2002, which is CENTURY 21's highest production award.

Mandy serves as president of the Greater Jackson Alumni Chapter and is a member of the DSU Alumni Association Board.



## Moro named securities traders

**T**eresa Moro, who earned a BBA in Finance from Delta State in 1981, has been named Securities Trader and Portfolio Manager at Kanaly Trust Company in Houston, Texas. In this position she is responsible for the company's fixed income trading, which includes mutual funds as well as buying and selling securities.

Moro came to Kanaly Trust Company from American General Corporation where she most recently served as Portfolio Manager, Fixed Income/Vice President. She was with American General in various trading capacities for over 16 years. She served as money market trader for AIM Management Group prior to her time with American General. Moro possesses over 20 years of experience in the financial services industry.

Moro earned a MBA in Finance from the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas.

## Armour selected

**T**his year's 17th annual Jubilee Jam, the largest musical event in Miss., poster is by 1995 graduate, Rob

Armour. Rob chose to use acrylic paints on board in order to achieve the bright colors and textures in the painting.



festival. I just wanted a big, bright, fun, work that people would enjoy."

The painting is intended to convey the "excitement of the moment" that the Jam patron experiences. The painting contains four elements: the magical nighttime sky; the scenery and architecture of downtown Jackson; the performers on stage full of energy; and the crowd.



## A.C. Williams retires



A.C. Williams, a 1964 graduate, retired from coaching baseball after 29 years and 499 victories, at Ridgeway High School in Memphis, Tenn.

Williams got his start in 1964 as an unpaid assistant at Groves High School in Savannah, Ga. and went to Ridgeway in 1984 and coaching baseball, basketball, football, cross-country, track and golf.

In his final season, as baseball coach, Williams led Ridgeway to a 33-4 record and a Class AA state tournament berth. Williams remarked, "We've had some years where we weren't that great, but it's always been a good time."

In addition, Ridgeway High School honored Williams recently by naming the baseball field after him.

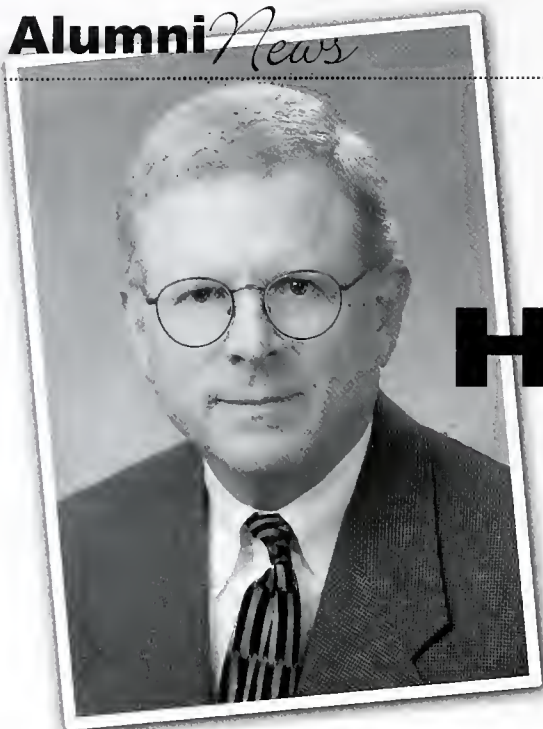
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# Alumnus of the Year 2003 Hunter Cade

**A** native of Lexington, MS, Hunter Cade graduated from Lexington High School in 1961. He continued his education at Delta State, earning a degree in history in 1965. While at Delta State, Cade was an officer of the Student Government Association, vice president of his senior class, and a charter member and officer of Kappa Alpha Order. He also graduated from the Mississippi School of Banking at The University of Mississippi in 1972 and from the School of Banking of the South at Louisiana State University in 1978.

Cade began his financial career at First National Bank of Lexington and was employed there until 1973 when he began work for Deposit Guaranty Bank in Jackson. He served as Vice President in the Investment Department until leaving in 1984 to join the investment firm, Legg Mason Wood Walker, Inc. in Jackson, MS where he is currently serving as a Senior Vice President of Investments.

Active in professional activities, Cade was President of the Mississippi Security Dealers Association and a member of the Funds Management Committee of the Mississippi Bankers Association, writing the Investment Handbook for Mississippi Bankers, published by the MBA. He also served on the Professional Qualifications Committee of the Municipal Security Rulemaking Board in Washington, D.C., from 1979 to 1994.

Cade has been a long-time supporter of Delta State, joining the Holmes County Chapter of the Alumni Association shortly after graduation and later becoming an active member and President of the

Hinds County Chapter. He served as President of the Alumni Association in 1980-81 and was a member of the Foundation Board from 1980-88, serving as President from 1985 until 1988. He also represented Delta State on the Inter-Alumni Council, was a charter member of The President's Club, and received the Hugh Ellis Walker Service Award in 1994.

Other civic activities include membership on the Board of Trustees at Jackson Academy from 1994-2000, including a term as President of the Board. Cade also served as a member of the Administrative Board at Christ United Methodist Church and is presently a member of the Board of Directors of Holmes County Bank and Trust Co. of Lexington.

He and his wife Suzanne are the proud parents of two sons, Bryan and David.

**O**ther Homecoming Award recipients being honored are Doug Sullivan, recipients being honored are Doug Sullivan, the recipient of the Hugh Ellis Walker Service Award, Jerry Ainsworth, the recipient of the Gladys Castle "Friend of Delta State University" Service Award, and Robin Carruth, the recipient of the Kent Wyatt "Young Alumnus" Service Award.



Ainsworth



Sullivan

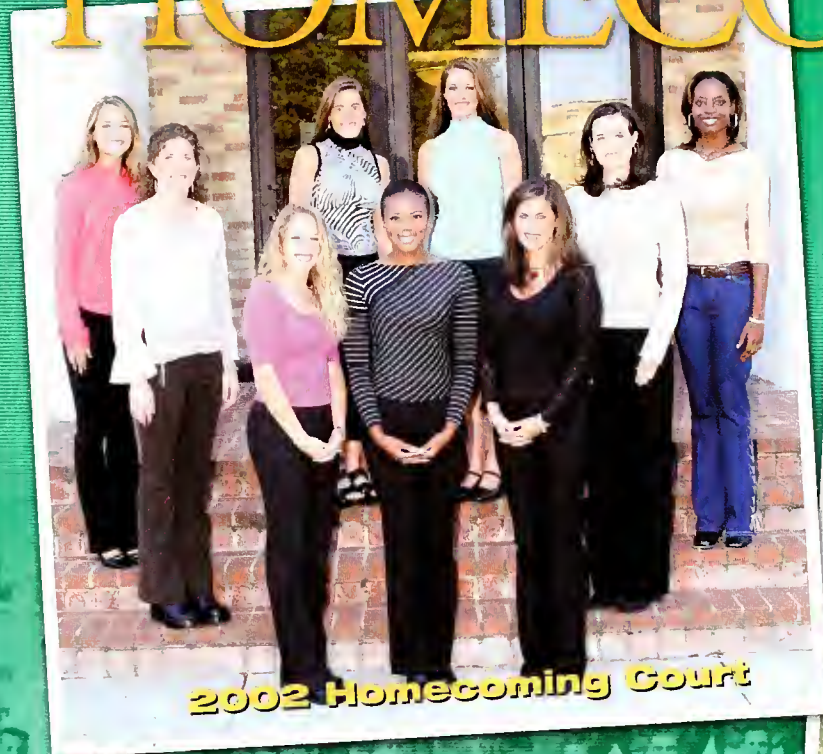


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# Delta State University

## HOMECOMING



**2002 Homecoming Court**



### 2003 Homecoming Schedule

**Friday, October 31, 2003**

4:00 P.M.

Homecoming Parade

5:30 P.M.

Induction & Dinner of the Golden Circle-Cleveland Country Club

6:30 P.M.

"M" Club Reunion - Hugh Ellis Walker Alumni House

**Saturday, November 1, 2003**

8:30 A.M.

Accounting Alumni Breakfast - H.L. Nowell Union Sunset Room

9:00 - 11:30 A.M.

Alumni Registration - 1st Floor Lobby in the H.L. Nowell Union

9:00 - 11:30 A.M.

Koffee Klatch - 2nd Floor Lobby in the H.L. Nowell Union

(Honoring the classes of 1933, 1943, 1953, 1963, 1973, 1983, and 1993)

10:20 - 11:00 A.M.

Renaissance Entertainment - Front of H.L. Nowell Union

11:00 A.M.

Pep Rally with DSU Cheerleaders & Band - Quadrangle

12:00 Noon

Alumni Homecoming Luncheon recognizing 2003 Outstanding Alumnus

Hunter Cade & Service Award Recipients H.L. Nowell Union - State Room

12:00 Noon

1959 Football Team Luncheon - Hugh Ellis Walker Alumni House

2:00 P.M.

DSU vs. Harding Football Game

**The 1959 Football Team will gather at Homecoming**

For more details please contact:

**Bill Marchant, DSU Box B-2, Cleveland, Mississippi 38733**



# A New Day at DSU

Dr. John  
Hilpert

*DSU's 7th  
President*





Delta State University welcomes Dr. John Hilpert as the University's seventh President. The Institutions of Higher Learning Board of Trustees unanimously selected Hilpert, after an on-campus interview in late June.

"This (Delta State and the region) is a place with such a rich tradition and heritage," said Hilpert at the announcement.

Hilpert and his wife, Pat, enjoyed a warm reception from the Delta State community. Hilpert says Delta State's family atmosphere played a large role in their decision to accept the opportunity. "We wondered if this is the right place for us, can we make a difference here? Would one be happy here, and in a day and a half you won our hearts," said Hilpert, "We really do appreciate this opportunity."

Dr. Hilpert has served as President of Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota since 1997. He holds a doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, a master of divinity from Concordia Seminary in Missouri, a bachelor of arts from Concordia Senior College in Indiana and an associate of arts from St. Paul's College in Missouri. From 1990 to 1997, he held appointments at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, first as the Vice President for University Relations/Executive Director of the Foundation from 1990 to 1996, and then served as Acting President /Executive Vice-President from 1996 to 1997. He was Vice President for College Advancement at Thiel College in Greenville, Pennsylvania, from 1983 to 1990 and Executive Assistant to the President at Finlandia University in Hancock, Michigan, from 1978 to 1983.

The search committee is confident Delta State will grow from Hilpert's experiences.

"Delta State University is fortunate to have an executive with Dr. Hilpert's credentials and experience to continue

to provide the type of leadership that will make DSU even stronger. This is a very good day for the Delta," said Dr. Stacy Davidson, search committee co-chair.

"On behalf of the Board, I wish to thank everyone involved in the search for their insight and assistance throughout the process," said Bryce Griffis, search committee co-chair. "With the help of the Commissioner, the Campus Advisory Committee and our consultant, the Board has worked tirelessly to provide this outstanding university with an innovative, energetic leader who will be a most effective President."

The Board conducted a national search. Hilpert was one of four finalists to take part in on-campus interviews with Board members and members of the Campus Advisory Committee. Hilpert succeeds Dr. John Thornell, who was named president on an interim basis after Dr. David Potter was appointed by the Board to the position of Commissioner of Higher Education.

"We join campus and community leaders in congratulating Dr. Hilpert on being selected and welcome Dr. and Mrs. John Hilpert to DSU," said David Potter, Commissioner of Higher Education. "He possesses tremendous talents and a demonstrated commitment to helping DSU continue to reach its goals. Dr. Hilpert's experiences have allowed

him the opportunity to gain the type of local, national and international perspectives on challenges and current trends in higher education that are necessary for effective leadership today. The Board and I believe he will be an excellent addition to Mississippi higher education," Potter concluded.

Dr. Hilpert is expected to officially join DSU in early September.

Dr. Hilpert and his wife, Pat, have three adult sons. Mrs. Hilpert is a Registered Nurse and a published, award-winning photographer.



*Dr. & Mrs. John Hilpert*



## Friends endow memorial scholarship

**A**da Swindle Mitchell, of Greenwood, died on April 1st after complications from surgery. She was 49 years old. An employee of Viking Range Corporation since 1988, Ada was Viking Range's first full time Human Resource manager and was promoted to Director of Human Resources.

One of Ada's most notable contributions to Viking Range was her single-handed initiation of the Viking Educational Assistance Program, which allowed Viking Range employees to earn college degrees. "Ada felt very strongly about education and the value it had, not only for one's company and career, but to the individual as a personal accomplishment," said Viking president Fred Carl. "She single handedly started this program a number of years ago and devoted untold hours to getting it on track. She worked hard to get as many people as she could to participate in the early years of the program, encouraging them every step of the way and making sure that the school looked after their best interests."

Ada was scheduled to graduate from Delta State in May 2003 with a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration with a major in Management. The degree was awarded posthumously on May 10 at graduation. Ada was recognized as a member of the President's List as a result of maintaining a 4.0 GPA.

In memory of Ada, friends and Viking Range employees have established the Ada Mitchell Memorial Scholarship Fund. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a student in the College of Business or the College of Arts and Sciences.

"Ada made tremendous contributions to our company, but none more significant than the Viking culture she helped create and nurture, and that will forever be her legacy," stated Carl. "Now, it will be our responsibility, and privilege, to carry on Ada's legacy through the endowment of a scholarship at Delta State University."

Memorial gifts to the Ada S. Mitchell Scholarship Fund may be sent to Keith Fulcher, Box 3141, Cleveland, MS 38733 or to Viking Range, P.O. Box 956, Greenwood, MS 38935.



## Nissan makes \$150,000 pledge

**N**issan North America in Canton presented Delta State University with a check for \$30,000 on April 13. Nissan's donation is part of a \$150,000 pledge Nissan has made to the Delta Education Initiative, which is housed in the University's College of Education.

"We understand the greatest investment we can make in our community is to invest in the education of our young people," said Dave Boyer, vice president of manufacturing for Nissan Canton. "This gift signifies our long term commitment to higher education in Mississippi." The gift to Delta State is part of a \$1 million commitment Nissan has made to higher education in Mississippi.

The Delta Education Initiative is a joint venture between Delta State University, the Mississippi Congressional Delegation in Washington, D.C., Delta Council, and a group of 34 Delta school districts serving 110,000 elementary and secondary students. The initiative provides services and professional development for member school personnel and educational opportunities for their students.

Nissan's Canton facility produces the Quest minivan, the Titan pickup, and the Pathfinder Armada SUV at the \$1.4 billion plant. The facility has the capacity to produce 400,000 vehicles annually.

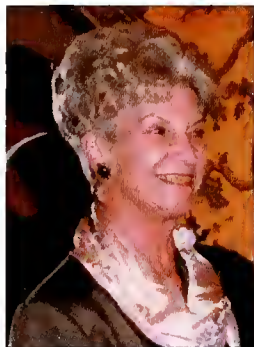


Tony Hill (r), Section Manager for Nissan-Canton's Body Plant and a 1980 alumnus present Dr. David Potter (l) and Dr. John Thornell (center) with the first \$30,000 gift. Joining Tony in the presentation were Nissan executive Lurlene Irvin, Section Manager for Community Relations, and Galen Medlin, Director of Human Resources.



## Core Arts Program receives \$50,000 bequest

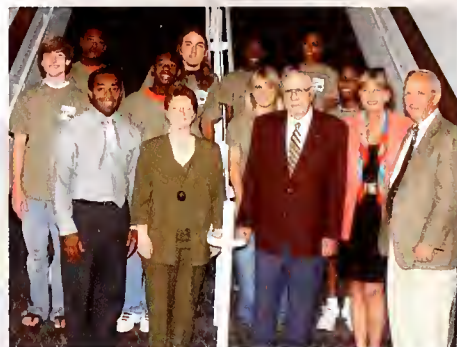
**E**ight students were awarded scholarships to the Janice Wyatt Summer Arts Institute Core Arts Program thanks to a \$50,000 bequest from the estate of Lorena J. "Rockie" Smith. "Mother wanted to ensure that young people will have an opportunity for continued exposure to the arts," stated her daughter, Llana. "The Core Arts Program at the Bologna Performing Arts Center is the



"Rockie" Smith, (above) made her estate gift in hopes that young people would be exposed to the arts.

perfect match for my mother's love for the arts." Smith taught dancing for over 50 years and was a strong advocate for the arts in the West Memphis area.

Smith was born in Starkville in 1926 and attended Mississippi State University. She and her husband, A. B., moved to Blytheville, Ark. and later to West Memphis. A. B. and Coach Dave "Boo" Ferriss were fraternity brothers at Mississippi State. Llana taught at Delta State from 1978 to 1982. To make a gift to the Program please contact Keith Fulcher at 662-846-4708.



Recipients of the "Rockie" Smith Endowment attended the Core Arts Program where they met Mr. A.B. Smith (third from left front row) and Llana Smith (fourth from left). Dr. Kim Broadwater, director of Arts Education, (second from left), Johnny Kimbrough, assistant director of Arts Education (left), and Dr. Kent Wyatt joined the students in greeting the Smiths.

## Foundation officers named



Peter Jernberg (center), of Jackson, was recently elected President of the Delta State University Foundation Board of Directors. Jernberg, who earned two masters degrees in addition to his B.A. at Delta State, is headmaster of Jackson Academy in Jackson. Jimmy Newquist, of Jackson, will serve as the Vice-President. Newquist (left) is a 1978 graduate and is vice-president of Wellington Associates, Inc. Frank Sibley (right), of Marks, a 1971 graduate, is the Treasurer. Sibley is President and CEO of Citizens Bank & Trust. For the past three years the Foundation, which was formed in 1967, has provided Delta State with gifts totaling over \$1 million to support University needs.

To make a gift call: 662-846-4708  
or email: [kfulcher@deltastate.edu](mailto:kfulcher@deltastate.edu)

## Kellogg tops \$2 million!



With its most recent gift to Delta State, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation has topped the \$2 million mark in grants. The most recent grant for \$1.2 million is to the Center for Community Development (CCD) to implement the Mid South Delta Leaders Program (MSDL), a tri-state Delta leadership development program, which will be in partnership with Arkansas State University, and Grambling State University (La.).

Dr. Myrtis Tabb (left), chair, B. F. Smith for Regional Development, and former director of the Center for Community Development, Frank Taylor (center), program director for the Kellogg Foundation and Freddie Webb-Petett (right), coordinator of the Mid-South Delta Initiative for the W.W. Kellogg Foundation, celebrate Kellogg's \$1.2 million grant at the February 13 news conference.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation, located in Battle Creek, Michigan, is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to apply knowledge to solve the problems of people.



## University to build revolutionary recording studio

**T**hanks to a \$135,000 gift from Fred Carl, Jr., of Greenwood, and the involvement of a nationally known leader in the music industry Delta State is constructing a state-of-the-art recording studio that will offer a revolutionary new method of teaching music engineering and mixing. The Delta Music Institute (DMI), a concept conceived by Carl, will house the largest recording studio in a university setting in the nation and will be the home of the new Music Technology and Contemporary Music Studies in the Department of Music.



*Putnam (right) discusses acoustical needs for the Delta Music Institute recording studio with (l-r) Dr. Henry Outlaw, Dr. Alphonso Sanders, Mike Lewis, Barry Bays, and Dr. Luther Brown.*

Carl, a 1975 alumnus, brought famed music producer Norbert Putnam on board as consultant and acoustic design engineer. Putnam has a celebrated reputation in the music industry, producing records for artists such as Jimmy Buffet, Joan Baez, Linda Ronstadt, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, and Dan Fogelberg. Putnam has recorded with hundreds of artists, such as Elvis Presley and The Beatles being the two most notable names.

"The most unique aspect of the Delta Music Institute will be its enormous recording studio featuring 5.1 surround-sound monitoring systems with the capability for a full symphony with 100-voice choir," said Collier Parker, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences. Located in Whitfield Gym, the DMI is being modeled after Abbey Road Studio One in England. A smaller recording studio will be used for contemporary rock, jazz, hip-hop, or blues recording. "Not only will Delta State offer

the highest level of equipment, but the top echelon of teaching professionals as well," said Parker.

While the financial backing of Fred Carl has successfully begun the program, additional funds are needed to ensure its success. For more information about the Delta Music Institute, or to make a donation, please contact Parker at 662.846.4100, or the Development Office at 662.846.4708 or e-mail [kfulcher@deltastate.edu](mailto:kfulcher@deltastate.edu).

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## Teague named Athletic Director

Dr. Bradley B. Teague, a 1992 graduate, became the new Athletic Director on July 1, 2003, after Dr. Jim Jordan's retirement.

Teague was a standout baseball player for Delta State from 1989-1992. He currently ranks second on the DSU all-time lists in career victories with 29 and in career appearances with 63. His 13 victories in 1991 ranks fifth on the DSU single season list earning him All-Gulf South Conference, ABCA All-South/South Central Region and ABCA All-American laurels. He repeated as All-GSC in 1992 before graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics that year.

Teague received his Masters of Education in administration and supervision from Delta State in 1995 and earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree in University Leadership from the University of Mississippi in 2000.

Teague began his career as Assistant Director of the Delta State Alumni/Foundation in August 1992. While at DSU he oversaw the accounting and acknowledgement



procedures of gifts and pledges to the Alumni Association and the university Foundation. He also assisted in all aspects of the University's first multi-million dollar capital campaign.

Teague left Delta State in June 1996 to assume the duties of Assistant Athletic Director at Ole Miss and in July 1998 became the

Associate Director of the Ole Miss Loyalty Foundation. As Associate Director, he was responsible for projecting, formulating and publishing a \$10 million annual budget in conjunction with the athletic budget and presenting it to the Ole Miss Loyalty Foundation Board of Directors. He was project coordinator and solicitor for Ole Miss's \$35 million capital campaign. Teague also served as project coordinator and solicitor for Ole Miss's \$25 million football stadium end zone expansion in 2000 and assisted with a \$13 million sideline expansion in 1996. He was also involved in coordinating the Athletic Department's courtesy car program and game-day manager for stadium premium seating. He organized the statewide Football Coaches' Supplement meetings and assisted the Development Director with Title IX compliance and coaches' contracts.

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## Soccer gets a start

Delta State will field both a men's and women's soccer program starting this Fall. With this birth, these new programs should increase enrollment for students who want to attend Delta State and who also want to play soccer at the collegiate level. Now they will have the best of both worlds!

Plans are being made to build some facilities in the future and possibility putting down turf on the football stadium field so football and soccer can be played in the stadium with the seating and lights already in place.

Dr. Brad Teague, Athletic Director, has selected Jim Allen as head coach to implement the program.

Both programs are slated to begin playing at club level in the Gulf South Conference in the fall of 2004.

## A DSU memory photo - 1951 "M" Club Members



Front Row (Left to Right): John Brewer, George Fountain, George Lipe, Jack Bailey, O.W. Riley, Wilbur Rowland, Curtis Kimbrell, Frank Bufkin; 2nd Row (Left to Right) Bobby Hooker, Jack Machell, Dan O'Rourke, Bryce Griffiths, Ed Reed, George Wilkerson, Jimmy Peterson; 3rd Row (Left to Right) Lee Watson, Dominic Beuplaque, William Lawrence, Robert Barrett, Hugh Ellis Walker, Woodson Earle, James Kelly, Charles Harris, Bobby Pruitt; 4th Row (Left to Right) Allen Reeves, Beryl Shipley, William Morris, Robert C. Barrett, Farnk Garner, Vance Brown, Bill Sowell, Clyde Wilson, James Tarzi; 5th Row on top (Left to Right): Harry Bonner, W. Tolbert, Morris Busby, James Bellipanni



## Whittaker, Armstrong, and Booker win Kerg Award



*Whittaker, Armstrong and Booker*

At the 35th Annual Athletic Awards Banquet, sponsored by the DSU Athletic Alumni Association, Chris Booker, Justin Whittaker and Angela Armstrong were the winners of the Charles S. Kerg Senior Student Athletic Awards. These awards are presented to the top male and female senior student athletes each year.

Whittaker, of Humble, Texas, became the first Statesmen ever to win an NCAA Individual National Championship in swimming, winning

the 100-Backstroke in 2002. Whitaker has earned 27 NCAA All-American honors and has received the New South Intercollegiate Swim Conference "Swimmer of the Year" four times. Whittaker holds the DSU record in the 100 and 200 Backstroke and was honored last summer by the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame for his NCAA National title.

Armstrong, of Fort Worth, Texas, has been a four-year starter at second base for the Lady Statesmen softball team. She has won All-Gulf South Conference honors twice.

Booker, of Clarendon, Ark., was a four year starter on the offensive line for the Statesmen where he earned All-American three times, and both All-Gulf South Conference and Academic All-GSC four times. Booker became the first football player to be named to five different All-American teams in back-to-back seasons.

## Logan returns to lead cheers



Former National Championship cheerleader, Kim Logan has been named coach of the DSU cheer-leading squad. Logan was a

cheerleader from 1993 to 1998 and cheered on three National Championship squads. She is also employed as a secretary in the Athletic department.

## 2003 Football Schedule

Sept. 6.....	Cumberland University
Sept. 13 .....	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY ST.
Sept. 20 .....	VALDOSTA ST.*
Sept. 27 .....	West Alabama
Oct. 4.....	West Georgia
Oct. 11.....	ARKANSAS TECH
Oct. 18.....	SOUHERN ARKANSAS
Oct. 25.....	Henderson State
Nov. 1 .....	HARDING**
Nov. 8 .....	OUACHITA BAPTIST
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## NOMINATIONS NEEDED!

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## Softball team members selected

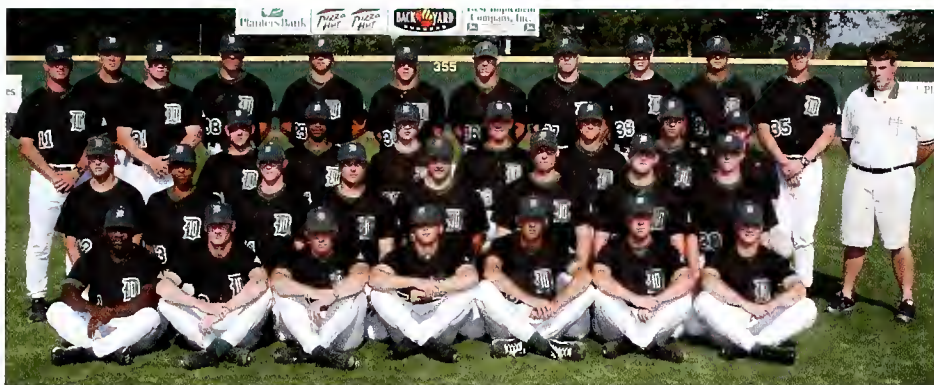


Delta State placed eight players on the 2003 All-Gulf South Conference Softball Team. Joy Long (Oxford, Fla.), Jennifer Meeks (Morton), Duana Meseyton (Portage, Manitoba, Canada), and Angela Armstrong (Ft. Worth, Texas) were voted First-Team All-GSC. Meredith Coleman (Schlater), Leslie Pourciau (Denham Springs, La.), Alyse Hasty (St. Louis, Mo.) and Jenna Smart were the Second-Team selections.

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## Gulf South Conference Champs!



The DSU Baseball team captured the Gulf South Conference crown for the ninth time in Delta State history and the second time in head Coach Mike Kinnison's seven-year career.

The Statesmen beat East Division rival Alabama-Huntsville in the tourney championship game 9-2 on May 6, 2003.

On day one of the tournament, the top-seeded Statesmen beat third-seeded Valdosta State 12-9. In the

second game of day two, the Statesmen defeated their West Division rival Southern Arkansas 10-2. Their third opponent on day three was East Division champions, University of West Florida and the Statesmen shut them out by a score of 2-0.

Jud Thigpen garnered the Most Outstanding Player Award at this year's GSC championship.

## Former Ole Miss center joins Statesmen



John Gunn, a 260 pound 6-foot-11 inch center, is the diamond of Coach Steve Rives' 2003 recruiting class. He comes to Delta State for his final year of eligibility after

playing with Ole Miss for four years. Coach Rives believes that he brings with him the total package because he can shoot, can score, and can defend and has proved that in the tough Southeastern Conference.

Gunn is an Oxford native and says he is transferring to Delta State for a better opportunity. After visiting Delta State for the first time, Gunn said he felt that he belonged.

## Kinnison honored

Baseball Coach Mike Kinnison was named the Gulf South Conference's Coach of the Year



while nine Statesmen were named All-Conference. Kinnison earned his third GSC Coach of the Year accolade. He was named GSC Coach of the Year in his

first season in 1997 and again in 2000. Kinnison owns a 314-83 overall record in seven seasons. He earned his 300th victory with an 11-4 over Central Arkansas on April 13, 2003.

## 2003 Coaches Hall of Fame

Clyde Adams '58, Larry Therrell '68, and Larry Watkins '76, will be inducted into the 2003 Coaches Hall of Fame at halftime on September 20th during the Statesmen vs. Valdosta game. There will be a reception in their honor during the Pig Pickin activities at Shumake Park under the tent in front of the Bryce Griffis Indoor Baseball Facility. Please stop by and visit with the inductees and their families.

## 1977 Lady Statesmen Inducted

The Institute for International Sport, located in Kingston, Rhode Island, placed Delta State University's 1977 women's basketball team in its Scholar-Athlete Hall of Fame.

In 1977 the Lady Statesmen, under Coach Margaret Wade, won its third consecutive and final NAIA Championship. The accomplishment is especially significant because it signaled a transition to the NCAA

Championship format, which began the following year. The world would forever change for women's basketball, but not before Delta State established itself as a dominant team in the game.



1977 Team



# With the *Classes* All locations in Mississippi unless otherwise indicated.

## 1952

**Harry Bonner**, of Greenwood, recently retired from Delta Electric Power Association as General Manager.

## 1954

**Bryce Griffis**, of Starkville, is serving a one-year term as President of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of Mississippi.

## 1958

**Frances Bliss Brown**, of Muscle Shoals, Alabama retired from Colbert County after 39 years of teaching.



*Davis*

## 1962

**Jackie Joe Davis**, of La Habra Heights, Cal. is President/CEO of Ventura Foods, maker of Hidden Valley Ranch and other products.

## 1966

**Thomas E. Hill**, of Grenada, has been elected president of the Mississippi Health Care Association.

## 1967

**Mary Street Mitchell Williams** of Memphis, Tennessee, has been selected as one of Tennessee's Distinguished Classroom Teachers.



*Abraham*

## 1969

**George Abraham**, of Woodbridge, Virginia, was selected Employee of the Year for 2002 with ENSCO being recognized for his expertise that

facilitated aid to the Pentagon and Department of Defense following 9/11/01 terrorist attack.

## 1970

**Dr. Mary Lucy "Doc" Sennett**, of Leland, received the honor of being the

first Leland High School teacher to become a National Board Certified Teacher.

**Charlotte S. Hill** has been named the Executive Director of the Copiah – Lincoln Foundation and Director of Alumni Affairs, in Wesson.

**James M. Harvey** of West Palm Beach, Florida, opened Florida Government Strategies, a full service Government and Business Consulting Practice.

## 1971

**Bradley Smith** has been promoted to Executive Vice President at Trustmark Bank in Brookhaven.

**Susan N. Murphy**, of Carrollton, was elected to the Board of Directors for the Girl Scout Council of Northwest Mississippi.

## 1972

**Charlie Staten** has been named the Star Teacher at Pillow Academy in Greenwood.

**Terry L. Tingle** has been named the Star Teacher at Carroll Academy in Carrollton.

**Billy Nowell** of Cleveland, is a member of the Union Planters Bank Board of Directors.



*LaForge*

**Bill LaForge** has joined Winstead Sechrest & Minick as a shareholder in Washington, DC.

## 1973

**Steve Nick**, of Greenville, is a Republican Candidate for State Senate District 22.

**Derek Hunter**, of Memphis, Tenn., is a coach at Booker T. Washington High School and is one of the winningest girls basketball coaches in the Memphis area capturing his 500th win recently.

## 1974

**Dan Davis**, of Pascagoula, has been named Managing Editor of the Hattiesburg American.

**Connie Hawkins** has been promoted to Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Cashier for First Security Bank in Batesville.

## 1975

**Sally Burnett** is the Vice President of Planters Bank & Trust Company in Ruleville.

**Lillie McCool**, of Hernando, was named Teacher of the Year at Oak Grove Central Elementary School and retired after 26 years of teaching.

## 1977

**Ronnie Robertson**, of Greenwood, is General Manager with Delta Electric Power Association

## 1978

**Robert "Bobby" Fahey** is the Vice President/Regional Manager of the Whitney National Bank in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**Harvey Brooks**, of Guntown, is Superintendent of the Baldwin School District.

**James Earl Dunn**, of Tunica, received the Head Start Humanitarian Award.

## 1979

**Arvil R. Stanford** has joined the Oxford office of Smith, Turner & Reeves, P.A., as a shareholder.



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**Chip Jackson**, of Long Beach, has been promoted to Operations Officer for Hancock Bank.

**Loyce Miles**, of Clinton, a History Instructor at Hinds Community College received her doctorate from MSU.

## 1980

**Gracie J. Sanders**, of Ridgeland, has been promoted to Budget Director with the Mississippi Department of Education.

**William "Jeff" Cannon**, of Pearl, was recently named Mississippi's 2003 Phi Beta Mu Outstanding Band Director and was selected 2003 DSU Music Alumnus of the Year.

**Ted Poore**, of Madison, was named Middle School Principal of the Year by the Mississippi Association of Secondary School Principals.

**Tony Hill**, is the Senior Manager of Operations, Body Assembling, for Nissan in Canton.

## 1981

**Becky Nowell** is the new Director of Quality at Baxter Healthcare in Cleveland.

**Chuck Newell** was promoted to President and Manager for the Mid South market of First Tennessee Bank in Jackson, Tennessee.

## 1982

**Jim Golden**, of Vaughan, joined the Holmes Community College staff as Executive Director of Development Foundation Alumni Affairs office.

**Cindy Holland Jenkins** was named 2003 Teacher of the Year. She was selected out of 35 elementary schools participating in Lawton, Okla.

**Mike Jones** has been promoted to Vice President at Trustmark Bank in Jackson.

## 1983

**Robert E. Burford** is Mayor of Hollandale.

**Marc Boyer Swindle**, of Waveland, is Principal at Bay High School.

## 1984

**John Buchanan**, Principal of Pearl High School, has been named the Pearl School District Administrator of the Year.

**Theresa Anderson**, of Sharpsburg, Maryland, is an oversight Senior Review Examiner with the Federal Reserve Board of Governors.



*Agostinelli and Chancellor Khyatt*

**Larry Agostinelli**, of Oxford, was named Outstanding Staff Member for 2002-03 in his employment category as a graphic designer in the Publications Department at The University of Mississippi.



*Myricks*

## 1986

**Katrina Myricks**, of Madison, recently received the first Coalition Member of the Year Award of the Central Miss chapter of NCBW.

## 1987

**Courtney Phillips** has been promoted to Interim Chief Financial Officer at The King's Daughters Hospital in Greenville.

**Eric V. Crawford** has joined Citizens National Bank as a Vice President and

specializes in commercial lending in Hattiesburg.

**Alan Grantham** has joined Bancorp South in Marshall, Texas, as a Senior Lender.

## 1988

**John S. Holloway** of Cordova, Tennessee, has been elected to the Tenn. Emergency Medical Service Educators Association Board of Directors and serves as the organization's Treasurer.

**Stephen B. Stanfill**, of Cartersville, Georgia, recently published *Food and Chemical Toxicology*, and presented at a international conference in Helsinki, Finland.

**Al Tapper**, of Gulfport, is a Security Officer at the Hancock Bank.

**David H. Mock** is the Vice President of Cornerstone Bank in Senatobia.

**Lena Shamblin**, of Cleveland, is the Coordinator for the Bolivar County Literacy Council Program.

**Sharon Myrick**, of Ridgeland, has been named 2003 Teacher of the Year for Rankin County School District.

**Dr. Robert E. Maddux**, of Hernando, was named Mississippi Small Businessman of the Year 2002 for his dental practice.

## 1989

**Hilda S. Alderman**, of Madison, is Manager of the Pre/Post Payment Review Department for the State of MS Health Plan.

**Mark Morse**, of Memphis, is the Facility Assistant at Briacrest Christian School.

**Tammie Pryor Skelton**, of Senatobia, is Assistant Principal at Strayhorn Elementary School.



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## 1990

**DeAnne Papizan**, of Crystal Springs, received her master's degree in art of teaching from Belhaven College and is teaching math at Terry High School.

**Jimmy Blount** is the General Manager for the AIG –American General Life and Accident Insurance Company in Louisville, Kentucky.

**Linda D. Hayden** is the Superintendent of Pulaski County Schools, in Hawkinsville, Georgia.



*Bagby*

**Rhonda Bagby**, of Madison, received the UnitedHealth President's Award for 2003. She is Chief Financial Officer for the company's Gulf States Region.

**Kevin Baioni** of Collierville, Tennessee, was awarded 2002 Ciba Achievement for the NAFTA region of Ciba Specialty Chemicals Water & Paper Treatment Division.

## 1991

**David D. Clark** was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy in Higher Education Administration from Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri.

**Carol Ann Drane**, of Madison, has been selected Teacher of the Month for the Canton Career Center.

**Mandy C. Morse**, of Memphis, is a Special Needs Coordinator at Christ United Methodist Church, and Early Intervention Specialist providing speech and language therapy for Simba Rehab Company.

**Mark Vemer** has joined Union Planters Bank as a Vice President and Relationship Manager at the company's Greenwood office.

**Amy Smith**, of Brandon, has joined Stewart Sneed Hewes/BancorpSouth Insurance as life and health sales Account Executive.

**Linda Hope Green** is with Fed Ex in Memphis, Tennessee as Government Inside Sales.

**Steve Arnold** graduated from the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry and is currently an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery resident at the University of Louisville in Louisville, Kentucky.



*Ray*

**Wayne Ray**, of Ridgeland, is a Realtor with Gary Smith Real Estate and recently earned the Accredited Buyer Representative (ABR) designation.

**Stephanie Jackson**, of Southaven, is a teacher in the Memphis City School System.

## 1992

**Charles William "Tripp" Francis**, Administrator of Clinton Health and Rehab, has been re-elected to the Board of Governors of the Mississippi Health Care Association.

**Lynda Morris Edwards** is the Senior Circle Coordinator/patient Relations Coordinator for The King's Daughters Hospital in Greenville.

**Mary Hardy**, of Greenville, received the Teacher of the Year Award for 2002 –2003.

**Darrell Annis** is a branch manager for AmSouth Bank in McComb.

**Margaret "Nita" Burchfield** is the Assistant Vice President for Trustmark in Jackson.

**Rodney G. Clark**, of Cleveland, is President of the Ruleville office of Planter Bank & Trust Company.

## 1993

**Patsy Goss Sidio**, of Spokane, Missouri, is a Broker/Salesperson for Ozark County Realty.

**Kristi L. Hager**, of Durant, an English instructor at Central Holmes Christian School in Lexington, was designated as the CHCS STAR Teacher for 2003.

**Brian S. Porter** is Assistant Vice President of The People Bank & Trust Company in Tupelo.

## 1994

**Kelli Marie Thomas**, of Lexington, is teaching College Algebra on-line for the University of Phoenix.



*Montesi*

**Christy Montesi**, of Boyle, is the Tri-State Director of the Mid-South Delta Leaders Program.

**Heather Ryan**, of Grenada, is Director of Communications and Special Events for the Greater Starkville Development Partnership.

## 1995

**David Work, Jr.** is the sales manager for Buckeye Baltimore/Washington DC territory in Baltimore, Maryland.

**William Martin "Marty" Garrard**, has been promoted to Assistant Vice President at First Security Bank in Olive Branch.

**James P. Cassidy, Jr.** is the owner/contractor of Cassidy-Hollis residential construction company in Oxford.



# With the *Classes*

*All locations in Mississippi unless otherwise indicated.*

## 1996

**Jay Buckley** is the Assistant Manager and Vice President with Parkway Co. in Memphis, Tennessee.

**Laura Parker** is the 4-H Agent for Bolivar County.

**Kelly Clark**, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, has been named Nurse of the Year.

**Tommy Upchurch** of Statesboro, Georgia recently wrote a book entitled *The Congress where Jim Crow was Born*.

## 1997

**Joseph Dunnam** was promoted to manager of the Burlington, North Carolina Branch of Household.

**Dorothy Prestwich** is teaching Special Education at Heidelberg Elementary in Clarksdale.

**Felicia Wright** is branch Sales Manager and Assistant Vice President for Union Planters Bank for the Meadowbrook Branch in Jackson.

**Jason S. Hagood** has been promoted at BancorpSouth to Assistant and Loan Review Officer in Tupelo.

## 1998

**Sam Manialardi** is with AmSouth Bank in Jackson.

**Russell Green**, of Flowood, is with Progressive Insurance.

**Shane Staten**, of Southaven, is the Head Girls Basketball & Assistant Fast-Pitch Softball Coach at Southaven High School.



**Monica Berry** is at the University of Arkansas in the agriculture research area.

Wixon

## 1999

**Mandi Foster Wixon**, of Olive Branch, was honored on March 21<sup>st</sup> by the retirement of her DSU Softball jersey for being the most dominating pitcher at DSU.

**Bryan Thomas** has joined Union Planters Bank in Leland as Branch Sales Manager.

## 2000

**Michael Mangialardi** is with BankCorps South in Jackson.

**George Miller, Jr.**, of Memphis, is Director of Development with the Pi Kappa Alpha Educational Foundation.

**Vincent Marascalco** is Area Supervisor for Safe Security, Inc. in Grenada.

**Dawn Brown Marascalco** is an Interviewer for the Unemployment Agency of the Mississippi Employment Security Commission in Grenada.

**Brain Formby** is a wine distributor for Premire Beverage in Orlando, Florida.

**Shannon Moore**, of Batesville, is a Biology teacher at Cleveland High School.

## 2001

**Melanie Miller Gilbert** is a Registered Nurse at Delta Regional Medical Center in Greenville.

**Teresa Diamond**, of Hernando, is a Registered Nurse in the Women's Pavilion at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Southaven.

**Jason C. Fulgham** of Ridgeland is a Paralegal for Forman Perry Watkins Krutz & Tardy, PLLC.

**Renee Walker-Borganelli**, of Cleveland, is a Child Center Training Coordinator for Mississippi State University.

**Melissa Henry**, of Walls, is a National Certified Counselor at the Memphis City School.

**Jimmy Tharp**, of Greenville, has accepted a pharmaceutical sales job with Johnson and Johnson.

**Jeffrey Erickson** is a therapist for Region 8 Mental Health Services in Brandon.

**Christa Grantham** is an Accountant for ConAgra Foods in Memphis, Tennessee.

**Elizabeth Ginn**, of Hernando, is an insurance consultant for Insurance Consulting Group, Inc.

## 2002

**Michael Antici** is an Investment Broker for Dearborn Capital Markets Group in Germantown, Tennessee.

**Tim Grommersch**, of Southaven, is the Assistant Superintendent of Athletic/Events of the City of Southaven.

**Rhonda "Nicole" Rosamond Hitt** is with Bradford Health Services as an Adolescent Intensive Outpatient Counselor for alcohol and drug dependency, in Huntsville, Alabama.

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# Wedding Bells 2003

**Meredith LaMarr Scott '00** to James Tyler Philley on December 21, 2002.

**Melanie Nichelle Wills '01** to Robert Lee Diggs on November 30, 2002.

**Carrie Renee Spencer '01** to William Shane Wigley '00 on January 4.

**Christa Ann Chadwick '96** to Joseph Patrick Ricci '91 on April 27, 2002.

Katie Shea Stephens to **Jarod Parkinson Lee** on January 11.

**Amy Elizabeth Caraway '97** to Jacob Lucas Woodward on December 28, 2002.

**Tricia Elizabeth Mayfield '02** to Milan Reed Killebrew '98 on January 4.

**Ashley Wallace '99** to Billy Weems on December 7, 2002.

**Margaret "Meg" Brooks Taylor '02** to John Frank Coker '99 on February 22.

**Bunny Boyles Schmaltz '67** to W. Darel Petty on March 12.

Kathryn Ann Rexrode to **Gregory Thomas Smith '95** on November 30, 2002.

Jessica Michelle Clingan to **Dr. Samuel Jacob Waits, Jr. '92** on December 19, 2002.

Mary E. "Molly" Melton to **Dr. Clifton P. Griffin '93** on December 21, 2002.

**Amy Elizabeth Caraway '97** to Jacob Lucas Woodward on December 28, 2002.

Laci Nicole Huddleston to **Joshua Reed McClung '02** on December 7, 2002.

**Jami René Schrader '01** to Richard Fortune Truitt, Jr. on December 14, 2002.

**Amber Renee Knight '02** to John

**Michael Lay '01** on December 14, 2002.

**Lucile Lenz Nicholson '91** to Fain Elbert Edwards Jr. on February 7.

**Shronda Latrice Willis '01** to Christopher Lemont Ivy on February 14.

Jennifer Nicole Andrews to **Brian Alexander Williams '00** on March 15.

**Jena Elizabeth Peacock '99** to Justin Wayne Miller on March 8.

**Meredith Letha Peters** to Thomas Christopher Favi on March 29.

**Debra Jane Hite '00** to Christopher Sean Bullock on March 8.

Latosha L. Johnson to **Miguel A. Woods '99** on March 29.

Heather Renee Thornton to **Jon Eric Winters '01** on March 8.

**Carmen Denise Jones '00** to Louis Robert Grones, Jr. on March 15.

**Angela Michelle Weaver '00** to Thomas Edward Francis '02 on March 29.

Margaret Ashley Long to **Todd Morgan Hendrix '99** on March 29.

**Jennifer Weeks '01** to Randall Gandy on March 15.

**Delecia Lynette Ford '02** to Terrence Wesley Liddell on March 15.

**Summer Leigh Jones** to William Michael "Billy" Ray, Jr. '02 on March 8.

**Ronda Fay Mosley** to Wesley Stanton Read on March 15.

**Laurie Elise Griffin '93** to Jimmy Johnson on March 8.

**Robin Leigh Cole '97** to Joshua Grant Rogers on April 5.

**Jamie Faye Free '02** to David Neal Kiihnl '95 on April 5.

**Christie Rochelle Cannon '00** to Jeremy Adam McClain '99 on April 5.

**Ansleigh Elisabeth Cowart '02** to Jabus Dexter Thornhill, IV on April 12.

**Elizabeth Celeste Weaver '94** to Michael Brister Farr on April 26.

**Leigh Ann Lott '00** to Scot Jones on April 26.

Allison Claire Shannon to **Robert Kendall Autry, III** on April 26.

**Sharolyn Suzanne Sullivan** to Robert Bryce Magee on April 26.

**Jennifer Marie Brewer '01** to Donald Matthew "Matt" Maranto on April 26.

**Susan Carley Bostick** to Scott Andrew Alexander '01 on April 15.

**Amber Elizabeth Jones '02** to Joseph Alan Brower on January 18.

**Roxanne Stennett Philley '02** to Gregory Britt Dees on December 21, 2002.

**Amanda Louise Smith '03** to Frank Bradford Heath on December 21, 2002.

Kristen Fieber to **Brent Page '02** on December 14, 2002.

**Camille Denise Williamson '02** to Collins Wilsford Fyfe on February 8.

**Jamie Forsythe '02** to William Gentry on March 8.

**Makita Donerson '01** to Joseph Gillespie '03 on March 8.

**Crystal Joyce Farmer** to Larry Christopher Andrews on April 19.



# Wedding Bells 2003

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**Rachel Alane Denton** to **Matthew Kisner Smith** on April 12.

**Marilyn Denise Rowe Weddington** to **Terrell Armand Solomon** on December 28, 2002.

**Augusta Craig Barnwell** to **Joshua Brian Whitfield** on December 28, 2002.

**Allison Fraiser Matthews** to **Robert Keith Faulkner** on March 10.

**Virginia Louise McCool** to **William Shea Kirk** on April 5.

**Lauren Ann Hansen '01** to **Mitchell Dean Lewis** on June 1, 2002.

**Kristina Holman '03** to **Lemetric Wadley** on May 17.

**Andrea Lea "Andi" McArthur '00** to **Mark Evans Koonce, Jr. '00** on April 26.

**Rachel Carole Rodger** to **Michael Kinnan Mardis '91** on May 10.

**Sarah Elizabeth Lemoine** to **Dwight Anthony Guthrie '01** on May 3.

**Shanda Leann Jackson** to **Kevin E. Montgomery '93** on May 3.

**Mary Wade Graves** to **Timothy Owen Sanders '01** on May 17.

**Lee Katherine Hutchison** to **John Richard Herczogh '95** on May 10.

**Lela Nicole Case '01** to **Grant Meadows Gist** on May 31.

**Lona Katherine Wyatt** to **Charles Hampton Jacks** on May 17.

**April Marie Long '02** to **Jeffery Keith Gant** on April 26.

**Ashley Marie Suggs** to **Robert Clifton Stubbs '02** on April 26.

**Michelle Lyman Vines** to **John Daniel Didier, Jr. '95** on May 24.

**Stephanie M. Hill '02** to **Brad T. Anthony '01** on May 17.

**Autumn Day Bramlett** to **William Dustin McCaleb '01** on May 24.

**Rebecca Suzanne Ellis '00** to **Stephen W. Forrester** on May 31.

**Stacy Lee Beale '01** to **Donald Alan McAfee, Jr. '01** on May 31.

**Sylvia Marie Nester** to **Wesley Lamar King '98** on May 31.

**Julie Lynn Becker** to **Rene VanWalsem** on May 24.

**Amy Lea Jennings** to **Jay Daniel Clolinger** on June 7.

**Tamarro Sherell Harris** to **Antonio Renell Washington** on June 7.

**Jillian Ann Sutphen '99** to **Adam Warren Hodges '00** on June 7.

**Olivia Renee Hurst** to **James Arthur Salter, Jr. '92** on June 28.

**Kelli Nicole Wingert '99** to **James Seth Wallace '00** on June 21.

**Dexter Winn Walcott '94** to **Brickley Scott Cowman** on June 14.

**Jennifer Michelle Howe '00** to **Christopher Daniel Downs** on June 21.

**Angela Kay Armstrong '03** to **Keith Boone '00** on July 26.

**Traci Alese Alford** to **Benny Michael McLendon '96** on July 12.

**Amanda Jean Riddell '02** to **Joshua Nash Lea** on August 30.

**Allyson Leigh Langford '01** to **Donald Len Killough '01** on May 24.

**Wendy Elizabeth Weaver '95** to **John Blake Campbell** on May 24.

**Elizabeth Marie Riddell '02** to **Stephan Thomas Phipps** on May 24.

**Stephanie Duke** to **Tony Savorgnan '00** on May 17.

**Brandy Meschelle Basler** to **Joshau Warren Epting** on May 17.

**Katharine Davis Weatherly** to **Daniel Ryan Gnemi** on May 31.

**Vivian Ann Kimbrough '83** to **Edmond Eason Roland** on May 17.

**Callie Bennett Sellers '02** to **Allen Bishop Towles '03** on June 7.

**Ashley Anne Smith** to **George Winfield Scott, III** on June 14.

**Rebecca Allen Herring '01** to **James Tyler Hardy** on June 24.

**Maribeth Hill '01** to **Norman David Crews** on June 28.

**Jade Rice** to **Jermaine Ross** on June 14.

**Dana Kristen Yarbrough '01** to **Clifton Truitt Hobby '01** on June 14.

**Leigh Ann Akers '00** to **Daniel Mims Purvis** on June 28.

**Lara Kate Lewis** to **James Edward Woodard, III '99** on June 14.

**Mariel Roxanne Penden** to **William Mark Stanton** on June 28.

**Vickie Lynn Dodd** to **Craig Thomas Chrestman '93** on July 5.

**Stephanie Renee Jackson '91** to **William Dean Benton** on May 31



# Baby Statesmen

Emily Claire to **Mr. and Mrs. Gaston McCormick '86 (Ellen Algee '87)** on September 1, 2002.

Davis Garrett to **Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Carver (Dawn Davis '96)** on January 30

Rex Collins to **Mr. and Mrs. Rex Collins Davis '01 (Martha Cranford '00)** on September 28, 2002.



Ashton Lynne to **Dr. and Mrs. Joby Collins '87 (Susan Wigginton '91)** on March 26.

Nicholas Garner to **Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nullet (Trina Garner '87)** on December 30, 2002.

Grason Vaughn to **Mr. and Mrs. Rod Marter '94 (Kristy Vaughn '95)** on November 28, 2002.

Bethany Claire to **Mr. and Mrs. Wade Baskin '89 (Bethany Lamar '90)** on June 17, 2002.

Scott Maxwell to **Mr. and Mrs. Mike Thomas (Kelli Marie O'Brien '94)** on December 16, 2002.

Julia Miles to **Lt. and Mrs. Cameron Geertsema (Jill Disharoon '94)** on March 28, 2002.

Peyton Russell to **Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jenkins '96 (Kelly Heatherly '94)** on May 12, 2002.

Emery Hayes to **Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Edwards (Lynda Morris '92)** on March 17.

Bryce Brian to **Mr. and Mrs. Thad B.**

**Miller (Lindsay Marie Greco '01)** on October 25, 2002.

Samuel Philip to **Mr. and Mrs. Paul Papizan (Carrie DeAnne Chandler '90)** on March 20.

John Pender to **Mr. and Mrs. Ellis P. Johnson (Molly Hoaglund '94)** on January 7.

Jonathan Bailey to **Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Bailey Stanfill '88** on October 28, 2002.

Carson William to **Mr. and Mrs. William Chadwick "Chad" Barefoot '94 (Amy Allison Tucker '94)** on December 13, 2002.

Lucy Taylor to **Mr. and Mrs. William Michael Lipscomb (Marsha Kelly Broome '87)** on October 24, 2002.

Anna Claire to **Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Marascalco '00 (Dawn Brown '00)** on March 12.

Robert Harrison to **Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harrison Cassel, III '90 (Jonita "Hope" Mann '93)** on February 8, 2002.

Thomas Grayson to **Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harrison Cassel, III '90 (Jonita "Hope" Mann '93)** on April 4.

Twins, Matthew Logan and Megan Jennifer to **Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Taylor '94 (Susan Williams '93)** on March 26.

Randall Kyle to **Mr. and Mrs. Randall Morris (Vicki Treadway '90)** on April 14.

Ian Alexander to **Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Denton '97 (Kandace Nichole Haney '00)** on April 11.

Ashleigh Breakfield to **Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Parkinson (Juanita Stahl '01)** on March 14.

Chandler Jackson to **Mr. and Mrs. Scott Green (Linda Hope Bailey '91)** on January 24.

Ana Clare to **Mr. and Mrs. Luis Natal (Marcia Abide '93)** on January 13.

Ann Carraway to **Mr. and Mrs. Stephen A. Caruthers '87 (Tammy Gandy '92)** on December 30, 2002.

John Reed to **Mr. and Mrs. John Laws, III (Lauren Bridges '98)** on April 5.

Jackson Edward to **Drs. Robert and Beth Tibbs (Beth McArthur '88)** on November 30, 2002.

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## New Life *Members*

Deborah Whitney .....	'92
Rebekah H. Dorgan .....	'01
William J. Dorgan, Jr. ....	'02
Misty Moseley .....	'95
Luigi McMinn .....	'00
Ken A. Causey .....	'89
Allison McMinn .....	'00
James Carl Duncan, Jr. ....	'99
John Louis Capocaccia, Jr. ....	'91
Malinda Duncan .....	'98
Lindsay G. Miller .....	'01
Arleatha Williams .....	'85

Dr. Thomas Wayne Lee, Jr. ....	'57
Rachel Malone Jackson .....	
Luther Kuykendall .....	'71
Dana M. Lewis .....	'00
Billy Tubertini .....	'78
Teresa Fitts .....	'00
L. Wayne Tisdale .....	'70
Christopher L. Zepponi .....	'87
Ashley E. Zepponi .....	'87
General Lee Burton .....	'72
Michael E. Dean .....	'75
Brenda Dean .....	
Cherry W. Wheeler .....	'51
Keith Latham .....	'00
John O. Fortier .....	'82

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DATE: Saturday, September 20, 2003

EVENTS:	8:00 a.m.	Forest Wyatt Golf Classic
	8:00 a.m.	DSU Triathlon
	1:00 p.m.	Baseball Alumni Game
	3:30-6:00 p.m.	Pig Pickin/Delta Style
	7:00 p.m.	DSU vs Valdosta State

MENU: Barbecue Pork/Chicken, Beans, Slaw, Bread, Potato Salad

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# Alumni Spotlight: Della Hamilton

## *It is a small world*

In the spring of 2002, Della Hamilton graduated from Delta State with a degree in Elementary Education. After marrying, Della moved to Rogers, Ark. and was hired as a third grade teacher at Eastside Elementary School. Arkansas state law requires all new teachers to be mentored during their first year of employment. Della's mentor turned out to be Doris Plitt, a 1970 DSU graduate.

Doris began her teaching career in Mississippi, then taught in Louisiana and Texas before moving to Arkansas, teaching the third grade in the same room where Della teaches now. In the summer of 2002, Doris trained as

a mentor as part of the Pathwise Program with Praxis III.

The mentoring program requires 25 hours of out of school mentoring time, plus 18 hours of during school time for observations and feedback each semester. Doris and Della have attended conferences together and implemented two new programs in third grade as a result of mentoring experiences. The high level of training and expectations at Delta State affected the careers of a veteran educator with over 30 years of service and a novice educator with her professional life just beginning.

## Alumni Update

What better way to let your classmates know where you are and what you are doing than through the "Alumni Updates"

Tell us about yourself: Recently married? Taken a new job? Been promoted? Changed addresses? Welcomed new children?

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City \_\_\_\_\_

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Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

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Here's my update \_\_\_\_\_

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Olline McKnight Payne 1950, on January 9.  
Annette Fore Hammett 1943, on December 28, 2002.  
William B. "Bud" Lewellen 1972, on December 3, 2002.  
Edna Brown Bryson 1936, on December 9, 2002.  
Benjamin Franklin "B.F." Smith 1939, on January 12.  
Leo Fontaine Williams 1934, on December 31, 2002.  
Andy "Doc" Bryan 1954, on February 17.  
Ila Wooley Milstead 1946, on February 8.  
Marjorie Lee McMath 1942, on January 24.  
William "Bill" Dennis Baird 1996, on January 13.  
Janet Boyles Ross 1984, on January 31.  
Dr. Virginia Anne Hollimon, retired DSU faculty, on January 31.  
Elmer Lawrence Bowden 1938, on February 5.  
Alvin Douglas Harrington 1973, on February 22.  
Glynn Gary 1952, on March 9.  
Eric Deshon Mack, on February 21.  
Thomas Allen Frazier 1971, on March 18.  
Mary Ann Smith, on November 26, 2002.  
Elizabeth Doyle Vervalin 1991, on February 3, 2002.  
Mary Stansel Harvey, retired DSU faculty, on April 10.

Martha Vance Everett, on March 7.  
Bobby Charles Lishman 1978, on March 21.  
Patty Baynes Tindle 1949, on April 4.  
Zenobia Parker Long, on March 22.  
Margaret Hemphill 1948, on January 24.  
Lorenzo D. McCoy, Jr. on April 10.  
James Randall Bader, on March 26.  
Lucile Sissell Martin, on January 3.  
Carolyn Milner Alexander 1960, on March 26.  
Charlotte Adelle Conrad, on March 11.  
Alma Jean Woods, on December 29, 2002.  
James Clifton Branning, on November 16, 2002.  
Randall Jace Breeland 1979, on March 28.  
Ada Irene Mitchell 2003, on April 1.  
Nora Elizabeth Murphy Parsons, on April 11.  
Robert Ray "Bobby" Denton 1973, on April 11.  
Leland C. Young 1967, on May 9.  
Kendall Reid "Ken" Lauderdale 1957, on May 17.  
Annie Karlene Smith Wigley 1940, on April 21.  
Kathryn Marice Prewitt on May 2.





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**F**rances Lee Wong, of Cleveland, was earning 2% on a Certificate of Deposit (CD). When the CD came due in early June, she took the money and converted it to a Charitable Gift Annuity offered by the Delta State University Foundation. In return the Foundation Office will pay her 7.8% for life on the amount of the gift. The 7.8% payout rate is fixed for life and is based on Mrs. Wong's age of 78.

"I'm proud of Delta State University. My three daughters and son all attended the University. My husband, Glenn Wong, Sr., always told them that they can get just as good an education at Delta State as they could anywhere in the country," said Mrs. Wong. "I decided to take what little I had and give it to the University to help students who are needy. I had planned to leave something in my will to this great University, but decided to give it now. Because I did it now I will receive a guaranteed income for the rest of my life."

Mrs. Wong, born in Louise, will receive quarterly payments for the remainder of her life. "I am a retired senior citizen and earning three times what I was making on a CD helps me," she said. "I give God credit for blessing us with Delta State. All of my teachers at Louise Consolidated School were Delta State graduates."

She volunteered at the Baptist Student Union for fourteen years and is in her tenth year as a volunteer at Bolivar Medical Center where she has logged 7,500 volunteer hours. "I'm still here after 78 years trying to work for God," Mrs. Wong said in conclusion to the interview.

Information on the Charitable Gift Annuity Program can be found at [http://ntweb.deltastate.edu/VP\\_UNIV\\_ADV/alumni/dvlpweb/PlannedGiving.htm](http://ntweb.deltastate.edu/VP_UNIV_ADV/alumni/dvlpweb/PlannedGiving.htm) and follow the link "To calculate a Planned Gift click here." See the ad below for sample Gift Annuity rates.

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